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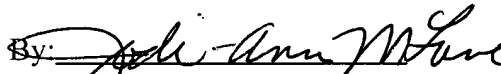
In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed on January 12, 2004, we believe this Notice is not appropriate in this case. In this regard, please note a Notice to File Missing Parts was never received. A copy of the Notice of Incomplete Reply is enclosed for your convenience. If it is determined that the Notice is appropriate, as Applicant never received the Notice to File Missing Parts which the PTO indicates was mailed on March 27, 2002 we request that a new Notice to File Missing Parts be forwarded to Applicant.

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Please note that Applicant was continuously checking on the status of this case and did not receive any communication until October 8, 2003. This communication indicated that the application would be forwarded to the Official of Initial Patent Examination for the preparation and mailing of an official filing receipt.

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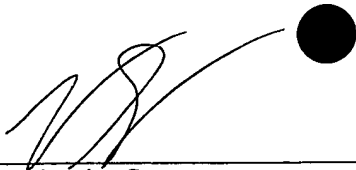
**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

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